

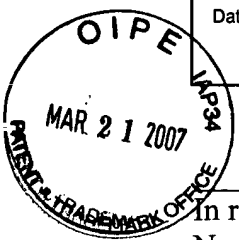
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TRANSCRIPTION-BASED NUCLEIC ACID  
AMPLIFICATION

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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 21, 2006 (Paper No. 20061011), for which a response was due on February 21, 2007. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 21, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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